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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-719-G - ORDER NO. 96-113
FEBRUARY 20, 1996

IN RE: South Carolina Pipeline Corporation -) ORDER
FERC Order No. 636 Issues.) GRANTING
) PETITION
) TO INTERVENE
) OUT OF TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the February 6, 1996 Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont or the Company) to Intervene Out of Time in this Docket. Piedmont states that in this Docket addressing FERC Order No. 636, the Commission Staff has mailed a questionnaire to the parties requesting information on how that Order may affect not only South Carolina Pipeline Corporation, but also "natural gas utilities operating on a intrastate basis within South Carolina." Since Piedmont is a natural gas utility operating on an intrastate basis within South Carolina, Piedmont states that it has relevant answers to the questions propounded by the Commission Staff. Further, it appears that Piedmont and its customers may be impacted by any rule, policy, or practice implemented as a result of the Commission's consideration of responses to the questionnaire.

Piedmont states that its participation in this proceeding is necessary and appropriate to enable it to protect the rights of its residential, commercial and industrial customers in South Carolina, and enable it to continue to provide reliable nondiscriminatory and

reasonably-priced service to such customers.

The Commission has considered the Petition to Intervene Out of Time propounded by Piedmont, and believes that it should be granted. We believe that Piedmont should have the right to respond to any questionnaire regarding the effect of FERC Order No. 636 on natural gas utilities operating on intrastate basis within South Carolina, since Piedmont is such a utility. Further, we believe that Piedmont has the right to protect the rights of its residential, commercial and industrial customers in South Carolina. Therefore we believe that intervention at this time in this Docket is appropriate. The Petition to Intervene Out of Time of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. is therefore granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order by the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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